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Application Serial No. 09/978,188	)	Confirmation No.: 5212
	)	
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For: <b>SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
<b>ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME</b>	)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20070402), please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 within the two month date set for the response, thereby requiring issuance of an advisory action.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.